

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/034,572

Examiner

David Lazaro

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the RCE filed 4/10/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8, 10-13, 15-18, 20 and 21.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).


\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.


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**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.  
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached  
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.  
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_  
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material  
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_  
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment  
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance  
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

  
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***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 1-8, 10-13, 15-18, 20 and 21 are allowed.

***Reasons for Allowance***

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: In addition to applicant's remarks filed 04/10/2006, the primary reasons for allowance are the inclusion of the following limitations as a whole in each of the independent claims directed to a multimodal communication method, apparatus and system:

"configuring at least one multimodal communication apparatus for a multimodal communication session based on the access multimodal preference information; detecting an ambient condition level associated with the multimodal communication apparatus, comparing the ambient condition level to ambient condition threshold data; and selecting a multimodal input and output modality for the multimodal communication apparatus based on the comparison" (as from claim 1, similar limitations in claims 11 and 15).

This claimed subject matter is not found in the prior art nor is it obvious in view of the prior art.


Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

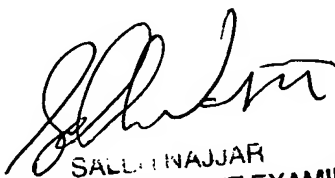
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Lazaro whose telephone number is 571-272-3986. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on 571-272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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